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SUBJECT: FY-2003 INTERNATIONAL VISITOR PROGRAM: SRI
LANKAN NOMINATION FOR MRP ON PRIVATIZATION AND THE
U.S. ECONOMY: JULY 17-AUGUST 7, 2003
PROJECT NO. E/VP-2003-0034

REF: (A) STATE 50054, (B) STATE 32608, (C) COLOMBO

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1. POST NOMINATES MS. ROSE COORAY, DIRECTOR-
GENERAL, FISCAL POLICY AND ECONOMIC AFFAIRS,
MINISTRY OF FINANCE, FOR PARTICIPATION IN SUBJECT
PROJECT.

2. PART I OF NOMINEE'S BIO DATA FOLLOWS:

EXPORT-SOURCE: USIS EVDB

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POST-EMAIL: rscmb@pd.state.gov

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START NOMINATION:

USIA-OFFICE: E/VGN

PROG-AGENCY-NAME:

POST-PROJ-ID: 73

USIA-PROJ-NO: E/VP-2003-0034

PROJ-NAME: Privatization and the U.S. Economy - July
17 - August 7, 2003

START MEMO PROJ-DESC:

END MEMO PROJ-DESC:

PROJ-TYPE: Multi-Regional

PROG-TYPE: IV Grant Visitor

FY: 2003

DEPART-POST: 07/15/2003

SESSION-DATE: 07/17/2003

RETURN-POST: 08/10/2003

NO-OF-PART: 1

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START MEMO POST-OBJ:

MPP Goal: To support Economic Reforms of the
Government of Sri Lanka

END MEMO POST-OBJ:

START MEMO POST-RCMD:

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USIA-OFFICE-ID: 1039

PROG-AGENCY-ID:

PROJ-TYPE-ID: MRP

PROG-TYPE-ID: 29

NOMINATING-POST-ID: 2929

FUNDING-CNTRY-ID:

STATUS: N

ORIGINATOR: P

SUBJ-DISC: Privatization

START BIO:

PREFIX: Ms.

F-NAME: M.A.R.C

M-NAME: Rose

L-NAME: COORAY

SUFFIX:

PRINCIPAL?: Yes

M-ADDR1: Fiscal Policy and Economic Affairs

M-ADDR2: Ministry of Finance

M-ADDR3:

M-CITY: Colombo 3

M-STATE:

M-CNTRY: Sri Lanka

M-ZONE:

M-ZIP:

M-PHONE: (94-1) 484-648

M-FAX:

M-EMAIL:

M-CNTRY-ID: CE

M-ADDRTYPE: B

GENDER: F

DOB: 03/23/1949

MAR-STAT: M

BIRTH-CITY: Colombo

BIRTH-CNTRY: Sri Lanka

CITIZ-CNTRY: Sri Lanka

RES-CNTRY: Sri Lanka
START MEMO POSITION:
Director General, Fiscal Policy and Economic
Affairs, 1998- to date
END MEMO POSITION:
START MEMO OTHER-POSITIONS:
Serves as Director representing Government of Sri
Lanka on DFCC Bank, Sri Lanka Institute of
Information Technology, Thomas De La Rue, and
Private Sector Infrastructure Development Co.
Member of the Tariff Advisory Council
END MEMO OTHER-POSITIONS:
START MEMO PREV-POSITIONS:
Assistant to the Governor of the Central Bank - 2001
(on part time)
Served in various positions at the Central Bank,
since 1973 (including Director of Information)

END MEMO PREV-POSITIONS:
START MEMO US-TRAVEL:
Has been to Washington, D.C. several times as a
member of the Sri Lanka delegation at IMF/World Bank
talks
END MEMO US-TRAVEL:
START MEMO OTHER-TRAVEL:

END MEMO OTHER-TRAVEL:
START MEMO EDUCATION:
BA in Economics, University of Peradeniya
M.Sc. from Strathclyde University, U.K.
END MEMO EDUCATION:
START MEMO MEMBERSHIPS:

END MEMO MEMBERSHIPS:
START MEMO PUBLICATIONS:

END MEMO PUBLICATIONS:
START MEMO SPEC-CONSID:

END MEMO SPEC-CONSID:
FIRST-LANG: Sinhala
ENGL-READ: 4
ENGL-SPEAK: 4
ENGL-COMP: 4
START MEMO NOM-POST-OBJ:
MPP Goal: To support Economic Reforms of the
Government of Sri Lanka
END MEMO NOM-POST-OBJ:
START MEMO NOM-POST-RCMD:

END MEMO NOM-POST-RCMD:
START MEMO VIS-OBJ:

END MEMO VIS-OBJ:
START MEMO VIS-REC:

END MEMO VIS-REC:
NOMINATING-OFFICER: Teresa Manlowe
START MEMO NOMINATING-JUSTIFICATION:
Ms. Cooray is an influential player in the Finance
Ministry, responsible for Fiscal Policy and Economic
Policy formulation and implementation. She has been
with the Central Bank for over 25 years holding
various positions. Currently she is one of the most
senior officers of the Central Bank on release to
the Finance Ministry. As Director General Fiscal
Policy and Economic Affairs of the Finance Ministry,
she will be responsible for formulating and
implementing the proposed Fiscal Responsibility Act
(FRA) which will be one of the important pieces of
legislation of the current UNF government. The FRA
will govern overall public finance of Sri Lanka with
the aim of keeping the budget deficit within
targets. Along with this act Parliamentary Powers
will be increased to examine government activities
and prevent wastage of public funds. This exercise
has the support of the IMF. Therefore, the program
on Privatization and the U.S. Economy will be very
useful and relevant to Mrs. Cooray and the GSL.
Mrs. Cooray is an important player in the Finance
Ministry and one of our key contacts there. She is
in her early 50s but has several more working years
ahead of her. She has the potential and recognition
to assume even more responsible positions at the
Central Bank or the Ministry of Finance. Her
participation in this program will help strengthen
our ties.

END MEMO NOMINATING-JUSTIFICATION:
NOM-OFF: Econ/Commercial Section
SPEAKER?: No
NOTIFY-EMB: No
MEDIA?: No
HOME-STAY: Yes
HOME-HOSP?: Yes
E-I-TYPE:

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FIRST-LANG-ID: SI
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NOM-FUNDING-CNTRY-ID:
NOM-STATUS: N
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